

Date: January 29, 2003

To: Chairman Randolph and Commissioners Blair, Downey, Karlan and Knox

From: Mark Krausse, Executive Director

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This is a summary of administrative activity and other matters since the report sent to you prior to the January Commission meeting.

A. BUDGET AND PERSONNEL

The Governor's budget for 2004-05 reduces the Commission's budget by \$809,000. I will continue to update you as the bill moves through the budget committees of the Legislature.

In two moves that demonstrate the willingness of Commission staff to help meet our workload, Enforcement Counsel Bill Lenkeit moved to the Legal Division, and Staff Services Analyst Larry Barkhouse moved to the Enforcement Division as an Investigator.

The Legal Division welcomes three new legal interns:

Marion Cruz is a second year law student at McGeorge School of Law. She has worked both in a private sector law firm and the Department of Mental Health, Crime Victims with Disabilities Initiative. Marion will receive her Juris Doctor degree from McGeorge in May 2005.

Rebecca Olson is a second year law student at McGeorge School of Law. She has both paralegal experience and experience in federal congressional campaigns. Rebecca will receive her Juris Doctor degree and a Government Affairs Certificate from McGeorge in May 2005.

Allison Rector is a third year McGeorge School of Law student. Allison has worked for the California Assembly and two United States Senators, as well as the Democratic National Convention Committee. She is a candidate for her Juris Doctor and a Government Affairs Certificate at McGeorge in May 2004.

B. STAFF PROJECTS

Scott Tocher of the Legal Division spoke on January 23 to a meeting of the California Association of Sanitation Agencies in Palm Springs. The conflicts of interest presentation was attended by approximately 150 public officials who are directors and staff of the state's various sanitation agencies.

The Public Education Unit is beginning work on the Spring 2004 issue of the FPPC Bulletin, which will include an article summarizing the Commission's 2003 activities and accomplishments.

C. APPROVAL OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES/AMENDMENTS

Since the last Commission meeting, the agency has approved the following codes/amendments:

California Department of Water Resources
California Charter Academy #262, #297, #377 and #387
California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board
Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency
San Francisco Bay Area Regional Water System Financing Authority
Benefits Liability Excess Fund Joint Powers Authority

D. FINDINGS OF PROBABLE CAUSE

There were no findings of probable cause pursuant to regulation 18361 since my last report.

E. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF COMMITTEE TERMINATION

Pursuant to regulation 18404.1, campaign committees facing termination by December 31, 2002, who desire an extension of that deadline must submit a request to the Executive Director by December 1, 2002. Since my last report to the Commission, I have responded to the following requests:

Dave Brown, Democrat For Assembly. First request for extension granted for a period of 4 months. The committee has received commitments for contributions that will help erase the committee's net debt.